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Subject Fw: Contamination Adjacent to Calumet WRP

Charlie, below is the information I received from following up on the voice mail message left for me on 11/22. First of all, the property is not near 11900 South Cottage Grove, but is closer to U.S. Scrap. U. S. Scrap was an underground landfill fire near the I.C. RR tracks, etc. According to Mr. Walker, the free product is not affecting a navigable waterway or storm sewer, but it will affect their construction project. Right now, their contractor can work on other work until someone can contact him on Monday, 11/27. In his opinion, the best way to access the situation is to enter via the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (District). The District has a licensed surveyor, however, their surveyor has not had a chance to get to this location. The District has mitigated the situation for now, but would like to look at our records. There is a "yellow" sign with U.S. EPA's name on it. In the meantime, I did contact Regional Counsel, the attorney assigned to U.S. Scrap is no longer with the Agency so a request will need to be sent for an attorney. Furthermore, I need to know do you want me to continue to provide assistance to the District or refer it to Section II. I will leave a copy of Mr. Walker's Fax in your inbox and forward his second e-mail.

— Forwarded by VERNETA SIMON/R5/USEPA/US on 11/24/2006 12:02 PM —



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11/24/2006 11:45 AM

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Ms. Simon,

Attached please find three photographs of free product encountered on our property immediately east of what appears to be the US Scrap CERCLIS Site.

Following descriptions apply to the captioned photographs:

Area W of MH: The initial excavation immediately west of our existing supernatant manhole. Oil was found to be leaking into the excavation from the west. The manhole is located approximately 25 feet east of the west fence line of the fenced and posted site. The current manhole (and all of Drying Bed No. 1) are located in a tight clay that appears to have kept the encountered contamination from traveling further east onto CWRP property

Area W of MH2: Photograph of the first test pit viewed from the north

Site after backfilling: An overview photograph showing the manhole, the first test pit (backfilled) and the second test pit. The second test pit was advanced approximately two feet east of the fence line and encountered a layer of oil-saturated crushed red brick at a depth of one foot below grade.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Thank you for your time.

Cam

Cameron Walker

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Subject Contamination Adjacent to CWRP text

Ms. Simon,

I fear that the narrative did not accompany the photographs that I transmitted earlier.

The following descriptions apply to the photographs:

Area W of MH: First test pit. Advanced to three feet in clay adjacent to supernatant manhole west of Drying Bed No. 1. West sidewall of test pit is native soil with a granular layer at one foot below ground. Granular layer was saturated with oily material. Oil formed a continuous layer on the water in the pit.

Area W of MH2: View of same test pit from the north.

Site after backfilling: Overview looking west. First test pit has been filled. Second test pit has been advanced adjacent to fence line. Fence in background is the east fence line for the suspected US Scrap CERCLIS site. An oil-saturated layer of crushed red clay brick was encountered at a depth of one foot below grade.

Please let me know if need additional information.

Regards,

Cam Walker